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### **Secretary of State Bowen Announces Newly Processed State Archives Collections**

**SACRAMENTO** – Researchers now have easier access to information about six California State Archives collections, Secretary of State Debra Bowen announced today.

The newly processed collections include records from:

- Senator Richard Polanco (served in California Legislature 1986-2002),
- Assemblyman Bill Baker (served in California Legislature 1980-1992),
- Assemblyman Tom Bane (served in California Legislature 1958-1964, 1974-1992),
- California Coastal Commission (1973-1997),
- California Department of Pesticide Regulation (1950-2004), and
- California Water Resources Control Board (1949-2006).

The Secretary of State's office has been home to the State Archives since 1850. As custodian of the State Archives, Secretary Bowen maintains the complete records of the official acts of the legislative and executive branches of state government, as well as Golden State history in the form of tens of millions of documents, maps, photographs, film and audio recordings, and artifacts. Among the treasures housed in secure, climate-controlled rooms stretching over six floors of the State Archives' Sacramento building are the original California Constitutions; Spanish and Mexican land grant records; election records dating back to 1849; early political campaign items; and evidence from the Los Angeles Police Department investigation of the Robert F. Kennedy assassination.

California State Archives staff continually organize materials they receive and create detailed guides to collections, known as finding aids, that make researching easier. For more information about the California State Archives collections, or for assistance with a historical research project, go to [www.sos.ca.gov/archives](http://www.sos.ca.gov/archives).

Finding aids for the recently processed collections are available on the Online Archive of California at [www.oac.cdlib.org/search.findingaid.html](http://www.oac.cdlib.org/search.findingaid.html), a single digital database of finding aids that provides information about materials held in archives, libraries, museums and historical societies across California.

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